

REMARKS

The Office Action dated September 22, 2005, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 1 and 16 have been amended to place the subject matter in clear condition for allowance. No new matter has been added, and no new issues are raised which require further consideration and/or search. Claims 12-15 have been cancelled. Claims 1-11 and 16 are submitted for consideration.

Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically claims 1, 12 and 16 were rejected because the limitation "the tracing mobile communications system activities of a **trace activation event** relating to the mobile station" is indefinite. Claims 1 and 16 have been amended to overcome this rejection and claim 12 has been cancelled. Therefore, Applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 12, 13 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,974,309 to Foti in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,873,040 to Dunn. Claims 12-15 have been cancelled. Thus, Applicant submits that this rejection is moot and respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

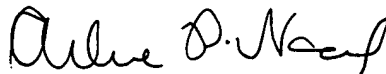
Applicant submits that each of claims 1-11 and 16 recites subject matter that is **not** rejected based on any of the cited references, either alone or in combination. It is

therefore respectfully requested that all of claims 1-11 and 16 be allowed, and this application passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

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